

# HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

September 14, 2006

**Representative Tom Casperson, Chair**, called the meeting to order.

**Representative Casperson** requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

**Present:** Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

**Absent:** Representative Rocca.

**Representative Hildenbrand** moved, supported by **Representative Espinoza**, to excuse the absent member.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Rocca.

**Representative Hildenbrand** moved, supported by **Representative Sheltroun**, to approve the minutes of the **June 29, 2006** meeting and **September 13, 2006** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

**The Chair laid HB 5912** before the committee.

HB 5912 Gillard                      Natural resources; hunting; promotion of; provide for on department of natural resources controlled land.

**Representative Gillard, sponsor of HB 5912**, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

**Rodney Stokes**, representing the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified in **support of HB 5912**. Questions and discussion followed.

**Gayle Miller**, representing the Sierra Club, testified in **opposition to HB 5912**. Questions and

discussion followed. Ms. Miller also submitted written material.\*

**Don Meixner**, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in **support of HB 5912**. Mr. Meixner also submitted written material.\*

**Bill Murphy**, representing the Michigan Resource Stewards and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in **support of HB 5912**. Questions and discussion followed.

**Darin Goens**, representing the National Rifle Association, testified in **support of HB 5912**.

**Sam Washington**, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, testified in **support of HB 5912**. Questions and discussion followed.

**Brett Henderson**, representing himself, submitted a testimony card in **support of HB 5912** but did not wish to speak.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:30 a.m.**

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Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

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Date Approved and Signed

Dave Mead  
Committee Clerk  
September 14, 2006  
1 hour

\* indicates printed material submitted.